

**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) A communications system, comprising:  
a telephone;  
a data network;  
a device coupled to the data network and telephone; and  
a communications routine executable in the device to control communications of voice data between the telephone and the data network; and  
a speech recognition routine executable in the device to interpret voice commands received from the telephone and to perform actions associated with said voice commands.
2. (Original) The communications system of claim 1, wherein the data network is an Internet protocol network.
3. (Original) The communications system of claim 1, further comprising a remote system coupled to the data network, the remote system adapted to receive voice data over the data network from the communications routine.
4. (Original) The communications system of claim 3, wherein the remote system is adapted to further transmit voice data over the data network to the telephone.
5. (Original) The communications system of claim 1, further comprising a telephone line coupled to the telephone and the device.

6. (Original) The communications system of claim 5, further comprising a first interface unit coupled between the telephone and the telephone line, the first interface unit adapted to establish communication between the telephone and the device in a first mode.

7. (Original) The communications system of claim 6, wherein the first interface unit is adapted to establish a POTS connection between the telephone and the telephone line in a second mode.

8. (Original) The communications system of claim 1, wherein the communications routine is executable to receive a voice command from a user through the telephone to place a telephone call over the data network.

9. (Original) The communications system of claim 1, wherein the communications routine is executable to receive a remote phone call over the data network.

10. (Original) The communications system of claim 1, wherein the device includes layers to transfer voice data to and from the data network.

11. (Original) The communications system of claim 1, further comprising a telephone network and at least another telephone, the telephones coupled to the telephone network.

12. (Currently amended) A system for connection to a data network, comprising:

an interface circuit capable of being coupled to a telephone network having a telephone; and

a controller adapted to communicate voice data between the telephone and the data network and to receive a voice command from the telephone and to respond to the voice command.

13. (Canceled).

14. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the controller is adapted to perform voice communication with a remote system over the data network.

15. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein the controller is adapted to perform a POTS telephone communication over the telephone network.

16. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the controller is adapted to receive a telephone call over the data network.

17. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the controller is adapted to convert voice data into an Internet protocol format for sending over the data network.

18. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the controller includes software.

19. (Currently amended) A method of placing network telephone calls, the method comprising:

establishing a connection with a data network;

receiving voice data from a telephone, said voice data contains voice commands;

interpreting the voice commands from the telephone; and

transferring the voice data from the telephone to the data network.

20. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein transferring the voice data includes transferring voice data over an Internet protocol data network.

21. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein receiving the voice data includes receiving the voice data over a telephone line from the telephone.
22. (Original) The method of claim 19, further comprising receiving a telephone call over the data network.
23. (Original) The method of claim 22, further comprising issuing an indication to activate a notification that a telephone call has been received.
24. (Original) The method of claim 23, further comprising activating a ringer associated with the telephone.
25. (Currently amended) A system for communicating with a data network, comprising:  
a telephone line;  
a telephone coupled to the telephone line;  
a device adapted to receive voice from the telephone line and including a controller adapted to communicate voice data between the telephone and the data network and to interpret voice commands received from the telephone.
26. (Original) The system of claim 25, wherein the controller is further adapted to perform a POTS telephone call on the telephone line concurrently with communicating voice data between the telephone and the data network.
27. (Original) The system of claim 26, wherein voice data associated with POTS telephone call is different from voice data associated with the communication between the telephone and data network.
28. (Original) The system of claim 26 further comprising an interface circuit coupled to the device, the interface circuit including a first unit adapted to receive

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a carrier signal on the telephone line carrying the voice data, and a second unit adapted to receive a baseband signal over the telephone line.

29. (Canceled).